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MEMO FOR THE RECORD

1. Mr. McCone yesterday, at South Building, kept the clippings from TIME of 11 May 1961, the Eisenhower press conference, the NBC White Paper on U-2, a Washington Star clipping of 18 August 1961, and a London American story of July 28, 1961, with a memo to the DCI. These all pertain to radar tracking of Powers' plane. As a result of this information, Mr. McCone directed me, through [REDACTED] to "issue a press release right away." I therefore telephoned the following: 25X1A

1. Donald May, UPI
2. Lewis Gulick, AP
3. Carroll Kilpatrick, Washington Post
4. Ned Kenworthy, New York Times
5. Bob Donovan, New York Herald Tribune
6. John Steele, TIME
7. Ben Bradlee, NEWSWEEK
8. John Scali, ABC
9. Phil Thomas, Washington Star
10. Jim Roper, CBS
11. Bill Monroe, NBC
12. Lincoln White, State Dept.
13. Andy Hatcher, White House
14. Mike O'Neill, New York Daily News

2. I told each of them: "John McCone, Director of Central Intelligence, will not appear before any Congressional committee this week. He received the Board of Inquiry report only 24 hours ago, having gotten it late yesterday afternoon, and therefore has been unable to give it the study necessary for his own decisions. He has notified the Committees that are concerned, and they, with him, will set dates next week when he will appear before the Congress. This will necessarily postpone any appearance of Mr. Powers before the press.

Dictated by Stanley J. Grogan  
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